

MARCH 4, 2024

## Events

March 6th  
**Monthly Club Business Meeting**

March 13th  
**Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** James Boggs  
**Subject:** Brown v. Board of Education revisited

March 20th  
**Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Joshua Savage  
**Subject:** Author of "Secret Bend, Oregon"

March 27th  
**Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Chris Kealey - CDO NeighborImpact  
**Subject:** NeighborImpact

## Birthdays

Jem Porro  
March 16th

Dawn Ann Hudson  
March 25th

Louise Sande Kaplan  
March 25th

Debora Sepich  
March 30th



## This Week's Luncheon Meeting

This week is our Monthly Business meeting. Past President Janice Burges will be hosting the meeting while President Paul Spain is in Uganda. ***Please reply to: [rotaryredmond@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryredmond@gmail.com) if you are attending and let us know if you plan to invite a guest.***

**Greeter:** Dawn Ann Hudson ([Greeter instructions](#))

## The DDD SOCK HOP was a HIT!!

From DDD Chair Janice Burges: *I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for the incredible support and hard work at the Rotary Daddy Daughter Dance Sock Hop. Your dedication and enthusiasm made the event truly special and memorable for all the attendees.*

*From setting up the decorations to managing the activities, and ensuring everything ran smoothly, your efforts did not go unnoticed. The smiles and laughter shared by the fathers and daughters were a testament to your commitment and the warm atmosphere you helped create. Thank you, Janice, our members are deeply grateful for your leadership to ensure a very successful event. [Watch the VIDEO](#)*



## Paul with Rotary Friendship Exchange



RFE Team to Uganda: Team Leader Patty Dempsey, McKenna Dempsey, Joseph Lewis Sr., Joseph Lewis Jr. Elizabeth Lewis, Paul and Tamara Spain, DGN Michelle Corradetti.

## KTVZ TV - Clifford Evelyn

As KTVZ TV continues celebrating Black History Month, they have shined a light on Redmond City Councilor, and club member, Cliff Evelyn. [WATCH](#)

## Weekly Member Profile


### Penny Free



While Penny can claim to be “native Oregon born” due to her Salem beginnings, her mom moved the two of them to Washington for a few years before returning to Keizer. Penny was 11 years old then, and already well on her way to attending 12 different schools before graduating from McNary High School in 1989. That’s where she met but didn’t marry her high school sweetheart.....yet.

After high school, Penny attended COCC for a while, and then “just did life”. She returned to school while carrying her son Joey, who was born in 1995 shortly after she earned her paralegal certification. Penny worked as a paralegal for a couple of years, then went to work for the Oregon Department of Corrections.

Her experience at the Oregon State Prison included completing women inmate intakes and working at Offender Information and Sentence Computation. In 2000, she went to work for the Keizer Police Department. She had reconnected with that high school sweetheart (the club knows him as member Matt Free) in 1998, and they married in 2001. According to Penny, “it took him long enough to figure out she was *the one*”.



It wasn't long before Matt and Penny moved to central Oregon. Penny kept busy with a series of jobs that included more paralegal work (Les Schwab), warranty manager (Pahlisch Homes) and physician credentialing (Madras Hospital), then she and Matt eventually opened Free Property Management in 2011. A few years later, they bought High Desert Property Management and merged the two businesses.

It's hard for Penny to talk just about Penny, since she and Matt are rarely apart. Joey is currently running a maintenance company here in Redmond, and daughter Kaycee is loving life in Arizona attending Arizona State University. They enjoy working together and donating time and energy into the community that has given them so many opportunities. The way she looks at it, they are just making up for lost time, after both had married other people first before finding each other again. "Love will always find a way..." says Penny. For her and Matt, it's been worth the wait.

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